

AMENDED - 10/31/13

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 10, 2013, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Susan Rancourt, Treasurer; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, John Saviano and Lynn Wainwright; Melinda Thies, Superintendent; Mario Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title 1, Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel; and Pauline Silva, Director of Finance and Administration

**Absent (removed) Deployed (added): John Bento, Vice-Chairman;
Absent: William O'Dell**

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACCOLADES:

The following employees were recognized:

RETIREEES

TEACHERS

John Patrick Dexheimer - District

Frank Fales – Mt. Hope High School

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Donna Amaral – Teacher Assistant

Julieta Carreiro - Custodian

Elizabeth Tavares - Secretary

Retirees

Mr. John Patrick Dexheimer could not be present. Ms. Anderson stated it was her honor to say a few words to honor his service. “He was a learned man who brought a wealth of knowledge to the District.

Mr. Dexheimer is a National Board Certified Psychologist who exhibited unwavering professionalism to his practice.” Ms. Anderson closed by saying that Mr. Dexheimer left an indelible mark on students, colleagues and herself. She thanked him for all that he had

done for the District.

Mr. Frank Fales came forward. Mrs. Thies said a few words honoring his service. “Mr. Fales has been an invaluable employee over the years for his contributions to the classroom and the District.” Last week he was honored and acknowledged by the Department of Education where he received the Data Quality Award which was presented to him by Superintendent Gist. Mrs. Thies stated that Mr. Fales was a dedicated and committed employee for 34 years serving in a variety of capacities that have enhanced the District into a high functioning, technologically efficient district. Mrs. Thies closed by thanking Mr. Fales for his service stating, “He is a remarkable man and a great educator whose eight years of perfect attendance are a model of service to his colleagues.”

Ms. Donna Amaral came forward. Mrs. Cindy Sadler, principal of Hugh Cole School, offered a few words honoring her service. For over 18 years, Mrs. Amaral served as a Teacher Assistant for the District working at almost every elementary school within the District. Mrs. Sadler closed by stating that Mrs. Amaral is very talented and an asset to the students.

Ms. Julieta Carreiro came forward. Mr. Donald Rebello, principal of Mt. Hope High School, offered a few words honoring her service as a custodian. He began by saying that Ms. Carreiro is one of the most pleasant individuals anyone could meet. Her work ethic was

admirable and many teachers would take note of how clean their rooms were. Mr. Rebello wished Ms. Carreiro a healthy and happy retirement.

Ms. Elizabeth Tavares could not be present. Mrs. Almeida, Director of Literacy, said a few words to honor her service. Ms. Tavares served as secretary in the Literacy office when she first came to the District. She then served as secretary to principal, Joyce Kinsela, at Rockwell School. She also served as secretary in the Pupil Personnel office and Director of Technology office. Ms. Tavares then returned as secretary to the Literacy office coming full circle during her time with the District. Mrs. Almeida said that Ms. Tavares was an exceptionally kind and polite individual who was eager to help those around her. Mrs. Almeida stated, “Oh behalf of the District, thank you for 23 years of service. Enjoy your retirement in good health and happiness.”

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Colt Andrews Kristen Aleicho

Guiteras Vanessa Estrella

Hugh Cole Judith Rowe

Kickemuit Melissa Bernard

Mt. Hope Rebecca Moore

Rockwell Donna Celone

Teachers of the Year

Ms. Kristen Aleicho came forward. Mr. Patrick Lattuca, principal of Colt Andrews School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Aleicho has served as a kindergarten teacher in the District for 25 years. She also serves on many committees that help to enrich others.” Mr. Lattuca has observed that students are very engaged and happy in her classroom. Ms. Aleicho exemplifies Teacher of the Year by working in cooperation with other teachers. She instills the love of learning in her students setting an excellent foundation for the future. Mr. Lattuca stated he is so pleased that Ms. Aleicho was nominated by her peers as Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Vanessa Estrella came forward. Mrs. Sonya Whipp, principal of Guiteras School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Estrella began her service with the District last year as a long-term substitute. This is her first year as a permanent teacher. In her year at Guiteras, she has made an indelible impression on her colleagues. She is very passionate about teaching. She is patient, gentle, kind and dedicated. Ms. Estrella is a team player. She spends time researching and learning which leads her to inspire others. Ms. Estrella has a true passion for the work and exemplifies the type of educator this District should recruit.”

Ms. Judith Rowe came forward. Mrs. Cindy Sadler, principal of Hugh Cole School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Rowe is known for her commitment to students and colleagues. She is a fifth grade teacher who is preparing her students for the rigors of middle school and does so very well. Ms. Rowe cares deeply about her students and strives to make their educational experience the very best.”

Ms. Melissa Bernard came forward. Ms. Beth Hayes, principal of Kickemuit Middle School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Bernard is a supportive co-worker both on her team and throughout the entire school. She is an inspiring teacher who has a passion for teaching and for her students. Her tireless dedication to everyone is above and beyond in every measure. Ms. Bernard has a charitable spirit and is a wonderful asset to the Kickemuit Middle School and the District.”

Ms. Rebecca Moore came forward. Mr. Donald Rebello, principal of Mt. Hope High School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Moore is compassionate, intellectual, passionate, dedicated, driven, and inspiring. She is a superb instructor who is inspired by the culture of Mt. Hope High School. She serves as an advisor to the Student Council teaching and guiding students in school government. Ms. Moore also serves as an Advanced Placement Instructor where 94% of her students are successful in passing the Advanced Placement Test.” Mr. Rebello stated that he is very proud to nominate Ms.

Moore, English Language Arts teacher.

Ms. Donna Celone could not be present. Ms. Tara McAuliffe, principal of Rockwell School, said a few words in honor of her. “Ms. Celone is a wonderful Grade 4 teacher who takes pride in her student’s accomplishments. She is a thoughtful educator and practitioner with a calm demeanor in the classroom. Ms. Celone’s relationship with her students motivates them to work hard.”

Mrs. Thies closed by saying how truly inspiring it is to see such fine educators commended for a job well done. She thanked everyone in the audience and especially the children who were present. Mrs. Thies stated how important it is to acknowledge educational excellence because these are the dedicated professionals that will lead the children forward in life providing a tremendous service to our students, our community and the world in general. She added how important it is to not lose sight of what the value of quality teaching is. Mrs. Thies closed by thanking all those commended for the wonderful work they do on behalf of the District.

Mrs. Thies announced the District Teacher of the Year, Kristen Aleicho, Kindergarten teacher, and presented her with a plaque. Mrs. Thies referenced the following quote, “All I ever needed to know in life I learned in Kindergarten.” Mrs. Thies congratulated Ms. Aleicho for her outstanding years of service to the District.

We would like to recognize the following students for serving as officers of the Colt Andrews Student Government:

Jillian Parker – Madame President

Kaleigh Quinn – Madame Vice President

Lauren Serbst – Madame Treasurer

Kayla Hanuschak – Madame Recording Secretary

Jenna Goulart – Madame Corresponding Secretary

We would like to recognize the following students for serving as Class Representatives of the Colt Andrews Student Government:

Jessie Barrett

Lillian Burke

Phoebe Chace

Clayton Coelho

Kyle DaSilva

Noah Dorgan

Ella Drawbridge

Reyn Ferris

Gabrielle Hollands

Skyler Lopes

Sara Macedo

Baylah Manchester

Lidia Mancini

Jarod Medeiros

Tom Nencka

Jacob Perry

Seth Pires

Mikayla Ricks

Forest Rodriguez

Emma Serbst

Lisha Smitherman

Krista Squatrito

Maxwell Travers

Michael Viveiros

Olivia Wheeler

We would like to recognize Elisabeth Vincze for serving as Faculty Advisor to the Colt Andrews Student Government.

Chairman Silva stated that the student council represents the future leadership of our community. He then acknowledged Ms. Elisabeth Vincze for her dedication to the Colt Andrews Student Council spending every Wednesday with these 30 students. Chairman Silva said they do a phenomenal job and have raised in excess of \$2000 for kids with cancer.

Mrs. Lynch also commented how near and dear the Student Government is to several on the School Committee. She stated how wonderful it is to see what they have accomplished. Mrs. Lynch thanked Chairman Silva for the time he takes to attend the weekly

Student Council meetings sharing his experiences in government. She also acknowledged the President of the Mt. Hope High School Student Council for her service during elementary school on the student government at Reynolds School to encourage those who were just recognized.

Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for achievements in Girls Indoor Track:

Hazel Baldwin-Kress – 1st Team All Class B (4x400m), 3rd Team All Headley Division (4x800m), New England Championship Qualifier (4x400m), RI State Championship Qualifier (4x400m)

Victoria Campo – Academic All State

Katarina Heyden – 3rd Team All Headley Division (4x800m)

Kylie McPherson – 1st Team All Class B (4x400m), 3rd Team All Headley Division (55mHH and 4x800m), New England Championship Qualifier (4x400m), RI State Championship Qualifier (55 mHH, 4x400m, 4x200m)

Vivian Ramos – Academic All State, New England Championship Qualifier (4x400m), RI State Championship Qualifier (600m and 4x200m)

Nicole Rusin – 1st Team All Class B (4x400m), New England

Championship Qualifier (4x400m), RI State Championship Qualifier (4x400m, 4x200m)

Karina Tavares – 3rd Team All State (3000m), 1st Team All Class B (3000m), 3rd Team All Headley Division (4x800m), New England Championship Qualifier (3000m), RI State Championship Qualifier (3000m, 1000m)

Megan Vento – 1st Team All Class B (4x400m), New England Championship Qualifier (4x400m), RI State Championship Qualifier (55m, 4x400m, 4x200m)

Congratulations to the following Mt. Hope High School students for their achievements in Girls Lacrosse:

Makenzie Marshall – Top 12 Girls Division 2

Alexandra Hill – 1st Team All Division

Alyssa Raposo – 1st Team All Division

Alexandra Threadgill – 2nd Team All Division and All Academic

Emma Pattie – 2nd Team All Division

Kellsie Mitchell – 2nd Team All Division

Angela Mascena – All Academic

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

RECOMMENDATION #S2013-25 A-E – PERSONNEL : That the school committee upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve personnel recommendations.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the Superintendent's personnel recommendations; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

S2013-25 A-E: – PERSONNEL

A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of four Secondary Department Chairs as listed below:

**1. Robert Arsenault Arts and Applied Arts Department
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

2. Patrick Jackson Humanities Department Chair –

Mt. Hope High

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**3. Thomas J. DelSanto Physical Education and Health
Department Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

**4. Wayne R. Lima Science, Technology/Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) Department
Chair – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2013-14 school
year**

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2013 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Position

- 1. Rebecca Dinerman * Special Educator**
- 2. Anna Stasey * Special Educator**
- 3. Amy Still * Karen Nerney *Special Educator**
- 4. Jennifer Carlson Substitute School Nurse/Teacher**
- 5. Denise Salamon Substitute Teacher Assistant**

*** Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

C. SUMMER SCHOOL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2013 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Summer School contingent upon sufficient enrollment:

Name Course

- 1. Karen Ferreira H.S. Mt. Hope Plus**

2. Jennifer Warren M.S. Substitute

3. Spencer White M.S. Substitute

D. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2013-14 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

1. Cross Country Head Coach Shauna Harrington

HEALTHY HUSKIES WELLNESS CENTER/GYM AREA SUPERVISORS

2. Supervisor (Summer) Roland Rodrigues

E. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Frank Fales from the position of Technology Teacher, Siobhan Brosnan from the position of Secondary Science Teacher, Lee A. Brando from the position of Teacher Assistant and Erica Collamore from the position of Child Care Provider as listed below:

1. Frank Fales Technology Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2013

Reason: Retirement

2. Siobhan Brosnan Science Teacher – Mt. Hope High

**Effective: End of 2012-13 School
Year**

Reason: Personal

3. Lee A. Brando Teacher Assistant – Mt. Hope High

Effective: July 26, 2012

Reason: Disability Retirement

4. Erica Collamore Child Care Provider

Effective: May 28, 2013

Reason: Personal

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Wainwright would like to discuss School Committee Goals for the next school year. She also requested a status on the agenda

items recommended at the last workshop. Chairman Silva responded that he and Mrs. Thies will meet to go over the upcoming School Committee Agendas and make sure a response is given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:02 P.M.

Pursuant to Open Meetings Law 42-46-5(a)(1) an executive session has been called for the following items:

- **Personnel Recommendations #S2013-25 A-E**
- **Administrator Contracts**
- **School Committee Correspondence – Discussion**

No action will be taken during this meeting, and the School Committee will return to Open Session only to adjourn the School Committee Regular Business Meeting.

MOTION: At 8:02 p.m. Mr. Saviano made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mrs. Rancourt. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: At 8:47 p.m. Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:53 PM

MOTION: At 8:53 PM Mrs. Campbell made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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